

Montana Immunization Program Newsletter

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With the New Year brings a new Immunization Provider Education Series

The Montana Immunization Program is pleased to offer a webinar series that features different subject matter experts to discuss important immunization topics during the lunch hour every other month. Each webinar will address a different aspect of immunization practice. We are very excited about the presenters and encourage anyone involved in immunization services to participate.

For the January session we applied and received approval for nursing contact hours. We are researching the possibility to offer CME and enduring opportunities for future sessions.

This continuing nursing education activity was approved by Montana Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

- 1.5 contact hours
- 1.5 contact hours, all APRN pharmacology related

Questions? Contact the Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580

ACIP GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMMUNIZATIONS 101

January 20, 2016 from 12-1:30pm

Presented by Andrew Kroger, MD, MPH, Medical Officer, CDC/NCIRD

Hosted Recording of ACIP GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS ON IMMUNIZATION 101

January 22, 2016 from 9-10:30am

Montana Immunization Program Staff will be available to answer questions.

TIPS TO USING 2016 IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES AND TABLES

March 16, 2016 from 12-1:30pm

Presented by Candice L. Robinson, MD, MPH, Communications and Education Branch,
CDC/NCIRD

Hosted Recording of TIPS TO USING 2016 IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULES AND TABLES

March 31, 2016 from 2-3:30pm

Montana Immunization Program Staff will be available to answer questions.

Click [HERE](#) for webinar login information and additional details about the webinar series.

Clinical Topic...

Here are a few frequently asked influenza questions and answers from the Immunization Action Coalition's *Ask the Experts*.

A dose of live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV, Flumist) was inadvertently given to a 20-month-old. It was the first time the child had received influenza vaccine. Does the LAIV dose need to be repeated? We plan to give pediatric inactivated vaccine as dose #2 in one month.

The minimum approved age for LAIV is age 2 years. However, you can count the dose of LAIV because this vaccine has been demonstrated to be effective in children 1–2 years of age. You are correct that the second dose should be a pediatric dose of inactivated influenza vaccine. You should take steps to avoid this sort of vaccine administration error in the future. Even if no adverse reaction occurs, we request that vaccine administration errors like this be reported to the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System at www.vaers.hhs.gov.

Which influenza vaccines can we give to children?

Among the injectable inactivated vaccines (IIV), only Fluzone (Sanofi Pasteur) is approved by the FDA for use in children ages 6 through 35 months. However, there are several injectable influenza vaccines that can be given to children age 3 years or older.

The nasal spray live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV, FluMist, AstraZeneca) is approved for healthy children age 2 years and older. You can find information on all influenza vaccines available in the U.S. for the current season and the age groups approved by the FDA by going to IAC's handout titled "Influenza Vaccine Products for the 2015-2016 Influenza Season" available [HERE](#).

A five-year-old child received her second MMR a week ago. How long should we wait before receiving live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV)?

LAIV can be administered simultaneously with another live vaccine (for example, MMR, varicella), but if not given at the same time, ACIP recommends waiting 4 weeks before administering the second live vaccine.

For more *Ask the Experts-Questions of the Week* click [HERE](#).

Stay Current!

The Montana Immunization Program would like to encourage all clinics administering vaccines to subscribe to **IAC Express Weekly News and Information** from the Immunization Action Coalition.

Every week, *IAC Express* features important immunization developments. The latest vaccine recommendations and licensures, new and updated VISs, and practical vaccination resources are delivered directly via email.

[Subscribe here!](#)

Questions? Contact Susan Reeser, Nurse Consultant, sreeser@mt.gov or (406) 444-1805.



VFC Corner

Monthly VFC Hot Topics Webinars

When: Every other month, last week of the month.

[Updated Hot Topics Schedule](#)

[Archived Presentations](#)

Month	Topic
February	2016 VFC Site Visits and Eligibility Screening 101 In this webinar, we will introduce some changes to the VFC Site Visit process for the coming year and go over eligibility screening basics and how we assess proper screening at your clinic. This webinar contains some new information and a review of important requirements relevant to all VFC providers.
Tuesday February 23rd 12:00 p.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.phpMTID=m017c7e12bfe779fa8fa2e0d825e5cd8c Audio Access code: 803 237 499
Thursday Febrary 25th 7:00 a.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.phpMTID=m011d6122942fe93c1413d48040aeab32 Audio Access code: 804 171 668
Thursday Febraruy 25th 8:00 a.m.	Meeting Password: montana https://hhsmt.webex.com/hhsmt/j.phpMTID=md8763260eb1660582b603620d5335a9a Audio Access code: 801 804 486

(Archived recording will be available for viewing)

April

Regional Immunization Workshop Presentation

Reminders

VFC Re-enrollment for 2016 is Underway

2016 VFC re-enrollment is now open, and you can submit a new Site Contract in imMTrax. Starting January 1, 2016, you will not be able to reconcile or order vaccine unless you have an approved 2016 Site Contract. Please allow three business days for us to approve Site Contracts.

For more information, please refer to the email sent December, 21, 2016 or view the video of our December Hot Topics webinar that covered 2016 re-enrollment [HERE](#).

VFC FluMist

Please remember if you have VFC FluMist with lot number FJ2073 these doses expired on 12/30/2015. The next lot number of FluMist is going to expire 01/13/2016 with lot number FJ2159. If you have less than 10 doses, please fill out a wasted and expired form for those doses to be returned. You can find the form [HERE](#).

If your clinic has more than 10 doses that expired you can do the FluMist replacement program. Please note that the Montana Immunization Program does not administer this program and if you participate in this swap of doses, e-mail hhsiz@mt.gov when your new doses arrive with the information and we will add them to your active inventory. 2015-2016 Replacement Program information is found [HERE](#).

Update - Targeted Meningococcal B Vaccines Available in the VFC Program

In June of 2015, we announced that two new targeted meningococcal B vaccines were available in the VFC Program: Bexsero® (Novartis) and Trumenba® (Wyeth/Pfizer). The ACIP has updated the VFC Resolution for these vaccines to include a permissive recommendation for children aged 16 through 18 years without high risk conditions. The updated recommendations are listed below:

- Bexsero® and Trumenba® are recommended for children aged 10 through 18 years at increased risk for meningococcal disease attributable to serogroup B, including:
 - Children who have persistent complement component deficiencies (including inherited or chronic deficiencies in C3, C5-C9, properdin, factor H, or factor D or taking eculizumab [Soliris®])
 - Children who have anatomic or functional asplenia, including sickle cell disease
 - Children identified to be at increased risk because of a meningococcal disease outbreak attributable to serogroup B
- Children aged 16 through 18 years without high risk conditions may also be vaccinated

Because we anticipate low demand for these vaccines, we are still including them on our special order form (along with Menhibrix®) rather than on our regular imMTrax order form. The new version of the order form was emailed to all VFC providers on December 22, 2016 and can also be found on our website at www.immunization.mt.gov under the “VFC” link.

Orders will be processed immediately upon receipt for expedited delivery.

Questions? Contact Lori Hutchinson or Katie Grady-Selby at hhsiz@mt.gov.



imMTrax Announcements

Updated imMTrax Provider Handbook Now Available

An updated imMTrax Provider Handbook is now available. The Handbook is intended to provide clear, step-by-step instructions for navigating commonly used imMTrax functions.

Check it out today on the [imMTrax Training](#) page!

Announcements on imMTrax Homepage

The immunization Program routinely adds announcements to the imMTax homepage. Announcements may contain VFC notices, news, helpful hints, technical issues or system down times, and other pertinent information. Check for new announcements with each imMTrax login!

imMTrax Account Lock Out Reminder

All imMTrax users who unsuccessfully attempt to log in to imMTrax 3 times are subject to a mandatory 15 minute “lock out period”. A user must wait the full 15 minutes before any additional attempts to access imMTrax can be processed. Contacting the Montana Immunization Program for a password reset will not override the “lock out period”.

imMTrax staff want all users to be able to access imMTrax quickly and easily. Please review and share the following recommendations and reminders:

- imMTrax login credentials are case-sensitive, all letters in a user’s Organization Code and Username are capitalized. When establishing a password, users should note the case of all letters used.
- Avoid computer or internet settings that auto-populate or auto-fill your login information to the imMTrax page.

- Passwords are valid for 60 consecutive days. For users not needing access to imMTrax on a daily or weekly basis, we recommend logging in once per month. The monthly login will keep the user's last login date recent, assist in keeping their password memorized, and ensure they are logging in and changing their password every two months as required.

Note: All users have 30 days from the time a password reset is required to change their password. Once that time has passed, the user must contact the Immunization Program for assistance.

If a user is in need of a password reset, please contact the Montana Immunization Program at (406) 444-5580.

Questions? Contact Michelle Funchess at mfunchess@mt.gov or (406) 444-2969.

2016 Immunization Regional Workshops

Agenda and registration information will be coming soon.

- **Great Falls-** Wednesday, March 30th: Hampton Inn
- **Missoula-** Tuesday, April 12th: DoubleTree
- **Butte/Fairmont-** Wednesday, April 13th: Fairmont Hot Springs
- **Miles City-** Wednesday, April 20th: Sleep Inn and Suites
- **Billings-** Thursday, April 21st: Billings Hotel and Convention Center

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New Immunization Program Web Calendar

The Montana Immunization Program has a new addition to our website - a Web Calendar! The program will place upcoming webinars and events, including any links or access information, on the calendar. We hope keeping our events posted in the new calendar will assist our partners in accessing the information they need in a quick and convenient location.

Check it out today!

<http://dphhs.mt.gov/publichealth/Immunization/calendar>

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